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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: Bush Inauguration;Dhaka

Summary: Bangla daily "Janakantha" editorially comments that
the United States looks like it will grow closer to China
and India while keeping an aggressive attitude towards Iran
and North Korea.

BUSH INAUGURATION

"President Bush's Second Term"

Pro-Awami League Bangla language newspaper "Janakantha"
editorially comments (1/26/05):

President Bush took the oath of office at a time when there
exists a unipolar world. Opinions about what is good and
bad in the world depend on the foreign policy of the United
States. The Americans indicated that if Iran and North
Korea do not change their policies, the U.S. is likely to
compel them to do so by force, but the United States will
not change its policy toward Israel.

The United States is likely to attach more importance
towards China and India through its foreign and trade
policies. Both of these countries are high-tech partners of
the United States. Moreover, a large number of Indians
expressed their satisfaction about President Bush's
reelection. They thought it was necessary for Bush to be
reelected to curb terrorism.

It is always a matter of great happiness if any people are
freed from terrorism. However, that freedom should not come
through bloody path. Freedom should come through people's
aspirations. If President Bush makes the United States a
partner of that aspiration, he will be less criticized
during his second term and will be able to heal the wounds
of the Iraq war.

Thomas